

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended and claims 18 and 19 are newly added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 will be pending in the patent application.

Claims 1-7, 10-14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on U.S. Pat. No. 7,070,406 to Jeans in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,905, 085 to Mercer *et al.* (hereinafter "Mercer"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a printing apparatus, comprising, *inter alia*, "a curved member carrying a stamp surface having a plurality of separate curved sides that form a periphery of the curved member, each of said curved sides defining a convex surface that intersects with two other of said curved sides, and each of said curved sides including a pattern, wherein, in use, said curved member is configured to roll over a substrate to transfer said pattern on said substrate such that, as said curved member rolls over said substrate, said pattern of each of said curved sides remains stationary relative to each of said curved sides;..."

There is nothing in the cited portions of Jeans, Mercer and any proper combination thereof that remotely discloses, teaches or suggests these aspects of claim 1.

The Office refers to the cylinder 69 of Jeans as allegedly disclosing the curved member of claim 1. *See* Office Action at page 2. The Office concedes that Jeans does not teach a curved member having a plurality of separate curved sides, wherein, as said curved member rolls over said substrate, said pattern of each of said curved sides remains stationary relative to each of said curved sides. *See* Office Action at page 2. The Office refers to the sides 4 of the roller 2 of Mercer as allegedly disclosing a curved member with separate curved sides. The Office then concludes that it would have been obvious to substitute the roller 2 of Mercer for the cylinder 69 of Jeans. *See* Office Action at page 3.

The cited portions of Mercer disclose a roller 2 for printing patterns on a pile fabrics. The roller 2 of Mercer includes a plurality of relief patterns formed by bases 4. *See* Mercer at col. 2, lines 27-39 and Figure 1. As shown in Figure 1 of Mercer, two adjacent bases 4 of the apparatus of Mercer are separated by a spacer 6 that is positioned at a lower position than the surfaces defined by the bases 4. Therefore, unlike claim 1, the plurality of bases 4 of Mercer do not form a periphery of the roller 2. Rather, the bases 4 of Mercer only form part of the periphery of the roller 2. Further, unlike claim 1, none of the bases 4 of Mercer intersect with two other bases 4 because each of the bases 4 is separated from its adjacent bases by two

spacers 6. Therefore, even assuming, *arguendo*, it would have been obvious to substitute the roller 2 of Mercer for the cylinder 69 of Jeans, such a combination would have not resulted in the invention of claim 1.

Claims 2-7 and 16 are patentable over the cited portions of Jeans, Mercer and any proper combination thereof at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 10 recites features that are similar to those of claim 1. Therefore, claim 10 is patentable over the cited portions of Jeans, Mercer and any proper combination for at least similar reasons as provided above for claim 1 and for the features recited therein.

Claims 11-14 and 17 are patentable over the cited portions of Jeans, Mercer and any proper combination thereof at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 10 and for the additional features recited therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-7, 10-14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Jeans in view of Mercer are respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Jeans in view of Mercer as applied to claims 1 and 11 above and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,362,804 to Hamilton. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 8 and 15 are patentable over the cited portions of Jeans, Mercer and any proper combination thereof at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 10, respectively, and for the additional features recited therein.

The cited portions of Hamilton fail to remedy the deficiencies of Jeans and Mercer. The cited portions of Hamilton disclose a method of making a cathode ray tube with an integral light trapping filter. The filter of Hamilton is assembled in the following manner. A face plate 104 is mounted on a suitable support 106. Guide pins 108 are formed on the interior concave surface of the face plate 104. A film of emulsion 110 is laid down directly on the inner wall 112 of face plate 104. A spherically curved mask 114 (identified by the Examiner as the "curved member" of claim 1) is provided with guide apertures 116 which fit accurately on guide pins 108. *See* Hamilton at col. 7, lines 10-31 and FIG. 17. With this said, the cited portions of Hamilton do not disclose, teach or suggest, for example, "a curved member carrying a stamp surface having a plurality of separate curved sides that form a periphery of the curved member, each of said curved sides defining a convex surface that intersects with two other of said curved sides, and each of said curved sides including a pattern, wherein, in use, said curved member is configured to roll over a substrate to transfer said pattern on said substrate such that, as said curved member rolls over said substrate, said

pattern of each of said curved sides remains stationary relative to each of said curved sides;..." as recited in claims 8 and 15. Therefore, any proper combination of Jeans, Mercer and Hamilton cannot result in any way in the inventions of claims 8 and 15.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Jeans in view of Mercer and further in view of Hamilton are respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 19 are newly added to define additional subject matter that is novel and non-obvious. Claims 18 and 19 are patentable over the art of record at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 10, respectively.

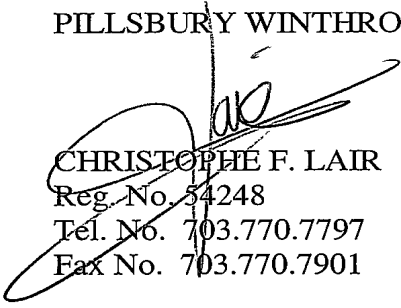
All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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